REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 7-12 have been amended. New claim 15 has been added.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,576,954 (Driscoll).

Driscoll is directed to a procedure for determining text relevancy. According to Driscoll, a first embodiment determines common meanings between each word in a query and each word in a document. An adjustment is then made for words in the query that are absent in the documents. Weights are then calculated for both the semantic components in the query and the semantic components in the documents. The weights are then multiplied together, and their products are subsequently added to one another to determine real value number for each document. The documents are then sorted in sequential order according to their real value number from largest to smallest value.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 4, and 7-12 are patentable over Driscoll, as Driscoll fails to disclose or suggest:

> a training mediation unit allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training, and allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information

, as recited in independent claim 1, for example.

Driscoll only provides a single list of ranked documents based on a similarity coefficient. *See* Driscoll, Figure 2, element 550. *See also* Driscoll, column 5, lines 56-58. In contrast, the present invention essentially provides two lists, a first list of company training programs based on the first similarity level and a second list of outside training organization training based on the second similarity level.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 15 is patentable over Driscoll for at least the reason presented for the other independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the reference. The claims are, therefore, in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.
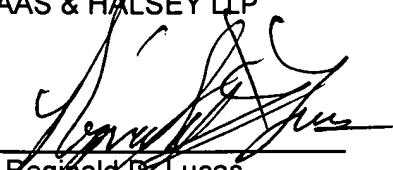
If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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